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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a press statement issued by the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil on 5 October 1998 on the issue of Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Press statement issued by the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil on 5 October 1998

The Brazilian Government condemns the abuses committed by Serbian forces against the civilian population in Kosovo. Such violence is an assault on human dignity which shocks the conscience of Brazilian society, which takes pride in its multiracial character as a defining trait of its national identity.

The Brazilian Government supports all initiatives capable of re-establishing peace and understanding in the region, calls for full access to be granted to the humanitarian agencies and urges the parties to implement Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1199 (1998) unconditionally.

The international community must seek solutions for putting an end to the violence in Kosovo that fully preserve the authority of the Security Council in strict compliance with the Charter of the United Nations, on the basis of respect for the territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.